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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/807,877; "Regulation of Nitric Oxide Synthase Activity"; Stapleton et al.; Client Reference: VS:SDT:F:FP:13523*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) A Substitute Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement and Sequence Listing Notice dated September 29, 2003; and
- (2) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

The substitute amendment and response corrects a clerical error in the amendment and response submitted February 25, 2004. In particular, in the original response, the word "no" was inadvertently omitted from the sentence bridging pages 12 and 13. This clerical error is corrected in the enclosed substitute amendment, so that the text reads "There is no teaching or suggestion that...". Although the original meaning is believed to be clear, correction of this clerical error improves the accuracy of the record.

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Stapleton *et al.* §  
Serial No.: 09/807,877 § Group Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: April 19, 2001 § Examiner: Nelson C. Yang  
For: REGULATION OF NITRIC OXIDE § Atty. Dkt.: 4050.000900  
SYNTHASE ACTIVITY §

**AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND SEQUENCE LISTING NOTICE DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2003**

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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2003 ("the Requirement") is also submitted, and the Examiner is requested to consider the remarks and enter the election therein. A response to the Sequence Listing Notice dated September 29, 2003 ("the Notice") is also timely submitted and the Office is respectfully requested to make the enclosed computer readable and paper forms of the sequence listing of record in the captioned application. The responses are timely filed in light of the enclosed Request for Extension of Time and appropriate fee.